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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

June 3, 1998

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 13. (Amended) A method for producing [the]

protein [according to claim 9], comprising:

culturing the transformant according to claim 12 in a medium to produce and accumulate said protein in the culture; and

recovering said protein from the resulting culture.

## REMARKS

Claim 13 has been amended for better form and to comply with accepted U.S. practice.

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